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TAGS: PINS, ASEC, PHUM, PGOV, RW

SUBJECT: INCIDENTS CONTINUE TO DESTABILIZE SECURITY

SITUATION

REFS: (A) KIGALI 853, (B) KAMPALA 1849

1. (U) SUMMARY. A GRENADE ATTACK ON FORMER PRIME MINISTER NSENGIYAREMYE EVENING 3/13 FAILED. RUMORS

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OF MORE CIVIL VIOLENCE AND IMMINENT RPF ATTACK CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE. ICRC ESTIMATES DEATHS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21 NUMBER ABOUT 100. END SUMMARY.

ATTACK ON EX-PM FAILS

2. (U) FORMER PRIME MINISTER DISMAS NSENGIYAREMYE WAS THE PRESUMED TARGET OF A GRENADE ATTACK SUNDAY, MARCH 13. THE ATTACK OCCURRED AT 11:30 IN THE EVENING WHEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED ARMED MEN DRESSED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS THREW A GRENADE INTO THE LIVING ROOM OF HIS HOME IN GITARAMA PREFECTURE. RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT DISMAS WAS IN THE HOUSE DURING THE ATTACK BUT THAT THE ATTACKERS, WHO ENTERED THE HOUSE, COULD NOT GET INTO THE LOCKED BEDROOMS. THE INTRUDERS REPORTEDLY STOLE ONLY A COUPLE RADIOS BEFORE LEAVING. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY.

3. (LOU) AS USUAL, NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ATTACK. POSSIBLE CULPRITS RUN THE GAMMUT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEOPLE TO THE RPF CONFIDENTIAL

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AND INCLUDE SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES IN BETWEEN. SOME
SAY MEMBERS OF HIS OWN PARTY (MDR), DISGRUNTLED BY
HIS LATEST POLITICAL MANEUVERING, MIGHT HAVE BEEN
BEHIND THE INCIDENT. SOME EVEN SAY IT WAS A STAGED
EVENT, POSSIBLY AIMED AT ENHANCING A CLAIM TO
POLITICAL ASYLUM SHOULD HE WANT TO LEAVE RWANDA AGAIN.

- 4. (C) ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO EMBASSY HEARD A RUMOR THAT DISMAS LEFT KIGALI TO LIVE IN GITARAMA BECAUSE HE FEARED FOR HIS LIFE AT THE HANDS OF THE RPF. EMBASSY LEARNED THAT HIS FAMILY WAS INDEED IN GITARAMA (LIVING IN THE COMMUNE OF HIS WIFE'S FATHER, A FORMER BOURGMASTER), BUT MOST CONTACTS THOUGHT DISMAS HAD REMAINED IN KIGALI. HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN KIGALI IN THE PAST 10 DAYS.
- 5. (C) COMMENT. IT COULD BE THAT SOMEONE HAS TRIED TO SET UP THE RPF. A JOURNALIST IN THE MDR FACTION THAT OPPOSES DISMAS, WHOSE EAR IS USUALLY CLOSE TO

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THE GROUND, HAD NEVER HEARD THE RUMOR OF AN RPF THREAT. HE ALSO DISCOUNTS THE "STAGED" EXPLANATION AND BELIEVES NO ONE IN THE MDR WOULD HAVE DONE THIS. WE NOTE THAT THE ATTACKERS COULD AS EASILY HAVE BROKEN THE WINDOW TO THE BEDROOM AS TO THE LIVING ROOM TO THROW THE GRENADE IN THE HOUSE. THE ATTACK ALSO HAPPENED IN DISMAS' OWN STRONGHOLD IN AN AREA WHERE THE LOCAL POPULATION HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN OUITE VIGILANT. END COMMENT.

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6. (U) LATE LAST WEEK, HUTU EXTREMISTS AMD PRO-RPF SOURCES PREDICTED A WEEKEND OF ASSASSINATIONS AND VIOLENCE IN KIGALI. EDITOR OF "KANGURA", HASSAN NGEZE, WROTE AN OPEN LETTER TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL THAT WAS READ ON PRO-HUTU RADIO RTLM OUTLINING AN RPF PLOT TO STIR CIVIL UNREST MARCH 12-13. AT THE SAME TIME, PRO-TUTSI JOURNALISTS FROM "LE FLAMBEAU" ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE (IN KINYARWANDA) OUTLINING A SIMILAR PLOT FOR THE SAME TIME-FRAME, BUT ATTRIBUTING IT TO THE MRND PARTY MILITIA, THE

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INTERAHAMWE, WHICH WOULD BE DRESSED IN RPF UNIFORMS.

- 7. (C) WHEN EMBASSY GOT WIND OF THESE PUBLIC THREATS AND ACCUSATIONS, AMBASSADOR ALERTED A CONTACT IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WHO CHECKED INTO THE ALLEGATIONS AND CONTENDED THERE WAS NO TRUTH TO THEM. DCM ALERTED UN FORCES (UNAMIR) AND PROVIDED THEM WITH AN INFORMAL FRENCH TRANSLATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE FROM "LE FLAMBEAU". THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, WE NOTICED AN LARGER THAN USUAL NUMBER OF UN HELICOPTER SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS IN TOWN.
- 8. (U) FORTUNATELY THE WEEKEND PASSED WITHOUT ANY MAJOR INCIDENTS IN KIGALI. WE RECEIVED ONE REPORT OF AN ATTACK ON A RWANDAN FAMILY IN AN OUTLYING AREA EFFECTED BY PERSONS WEARING RPF HATS. THE VICTIMS REPORTEDLY IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE ATTACKERS AS THE INTERAHAMWE CHIEF IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.
- 9. (LOU) RUMORS OF IMMINENT WAR CONTINUE TO ABOUND IN KIGALI (REF B). A SOURCE TOLD DCM 3/14 THAT HE

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HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLS FROM PRO-RPF SYMPATHIZERS ASKING WHAT HE THOUGHT PUBLIC REACTION WOULD BE TO RENEWED WAR. THE FREQUENCY OF THE SAME QUESTION MADE HIM SUSPICIOUS ENOUGH TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY.

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TAGS: MARR, MASS, PREL, GH, RW
SUBJECT: GHANAIAN VEHICLE REQUEST FOR UNAMIR OPERATIONS

REF: A) ACCRA 2848L AND B) ACCRA 1718

- 1. AT EMBASSY REQUEST, THE ACTING UMAMIR FORCE COMMANDER, GHANAIAN BEEN HENRI ANYIDONO, REVIEWED THE LIST OF VEHICLES SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISOR TSIMATA FOR THE GRANAIAN CONTIGENT IN UMAMIR. ACCORDING TO ANYIBOHO, THE GHANIAN REQUEST FOR VEHICLES WAS BASED ON UN MILITARY GUIDELINES FOR THE VEHICULAR NEEDS OF AN 888 MAN INFANTRY PEACEMETING BATTALION.
- 2. BASED ON THESE GUIDELINES, THE GHANAIANS REDUCED THE NUMBER OF ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS BY 18 AND INSTEAD INCREASED THE NUMBER OF LIGHT TRUCKS BY 18 TO MEET THE BATTALION'S OPERATIONAL MEEDS IN THE DMZ. THE GHANAIANS ALSO REQUESTED ONE EXTRA FIELD KITCHEN WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE FORCE COMMANDER'S CANADIAN MILITARY ADVISOR, IS FULLY JUSTIFIED GIVEN THE BATTALION'S SCATTERED DEPLOYMENT AND THE BISTANCES IT MUST COVER IN THE DMZ AS PART OF THEIR PEACEKEEPING DUTIES.
- 3. ACCORDING TO THE CANADIAN MILITARY ADVISOR, WHAMIR DID NOT RECEIVE ALL THE UNTAC VEHICLES (FROM CAMBODIA) IT EXPECTED; SOME WERE DIVERTED TO SOMALIA. THEREFORE, THE

GHANAIAN BATTALION URGENTLY NEEDS VEHICLES IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PEAGEKEEPING OBJECTIVES IN THE DMZ.

4. COMMENT: THERE NAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF THE DMZ BY BOTH GOR AND RPF TROOPS. THE UN PEACENEEPERS

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AND MILITARY OBSERVERS IN THE DWZ ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO
FOLLOW UP ON THESE REPORTS; BUT THEIR SHORTAGE OF VEHICLES
HAS CONSTRAINED THEIR OPERATIONS. POST, THEREFORE, URGES
U.S. SUPPORT IN HEETING THIS REQUEST AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE TO ALLOW UNAMIR TO BETTER CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.
END COMMENT. RAWSON

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